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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION
COMMERCIAL COURT

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London WC2 A2U

Before:
MR JUSTICE WALKER

BETWEEN:

HSBC BANK PLC

Claimant

-and-

(1) 5TH AVENUE PARTNERS LIMITED AND OTHERS

Defendant

AND BETWEEN:

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(2) MS YAN LUCY LU
(3) MR CHARLES MARTIN EDWARDS
(4) MR ROBERT WILLIAM MANN

Part 20 Claimants

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MR E MCQUATER QC and MS HUTTON (instructed by Allen & Overy LLP) appeared on behalf of the Claimant.

MR N VINEALL QC and MR J BOWLING (instructed by Bivonas Solicitors) appeared on behalf of the 10th 11th and 13th Defendants.

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HSBC

15th October 2007

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<p>1 MR MCQUATER: Thank you.</p> <p>2 Mr So, you did not speak directly to Mr Zhou about</p> <p>3 your English witness statement, did you?</p> <p>4 A. Correct.</p> <p>5 Q. Ms Lu, her English is better than yours but she is not</p> <p>6 fluent, is she?</p> <p>7 A. Then I do not know but all I know is that your English</p> <p>8 is much better than mine.</p> <p>9 Q. Are you saying that you have no idea of what her ability</p> <p>10 would be to read and understand financial documentation</p> <p>11 in English?</p> <p>12 A. I'm not clear.</p> <p>13 Q. Mr So, the witness today was supposed to be Ms Lu and we</p> <p>14 were told yesterday that she had had an accident.</p> <p>15 (To the interpreter) Could you translate that,</p> <p>16 please?</p> <p>17 Mr So, do you have any information about this</p> <p>18 accident?</p> <p>19 A. No, I don't know.</p> <p>20 Q. Have you spoken to anyone about this accident?</p> <p>21 A. No.</p> <p>22 Q. When was the last time you spoke to Ms Lu?</p> <p>23 A. I cannot recall precisely which date. It must be at</p> <p>24 least about a month ago.</p> <p>25 Q. At that time, as far as you were aware, was she</p>	<p>1 A. Correct.</p> <p>2 Q. You remain the general manager and Chief Executive of</p> <p>3 the Arche group of companies, are you not?</p> <p>4 A. Correct.</p> <p>5 Q. This group, the Arche group of companies, is</p> <p>6 a well-known and substantial group of companies in</p> <p>7 China, is it not?</p> <p>8 A. Correct.</p> <p>9 Q. And a successful group of companies?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. If we look at paragraph 12 together, please, we see the</p> <p>12 gross revenue, which would be equivalent, would it not,</p> <p>13 Mr So, to about \$80 to \$90 million per annum?</p> <p>14 THE INTERPRETER: Excuse me, for the interpreter's sake;</p> <p>15 when you say dollars, you mean Hong Kong dollars or US</p> <p>16 dollars?</p> <p>17 MR. MCQUATER: I am sorry, US dollars.</p> <p>18 THE INTERPRETER: Thank you.</p> <p>19 A. Yes, if you convert Chinese JMB into US dollars, more or</p> <p>20 less you are right to say so.</p> <p>21 MR. MCQUATER: By the time of the transaction with 5th Avenue</p> <p>22 Partners, you had been the general manager of Arche for</p> <p>23 nearly ten years; that is right, is it not?</p> <p>24 A. Correct.</p> <p>25 Q. You had been the general manager of its predecessor</p>
<p>Page 21</p> <p>1 intending to give evidence at this trial?</p> <p>2 A. I did not discuss this matter with her at the time.</p> <p>3 Q. You did not discuss this dispute with Ms Lu at that</p> <p>4 time?</p> <p>5 A. I don't understand your question.</p> <p>6 Q. When you spoke to Ms Lu about a month ago, is your</p> <p>7 evidence that you did not discuss this dispute with her?</p> <p>8 A. My discussion with Ms Lu at the time was regarding how</p> <p>9 we can get the money back from HSBC.</p> <p>10 Q. Let me move on, Mr So. You will need your witness</p> <p>11 statement in front of you for this purpose, please; if</p> <p>12 you could follow in the Mandarin.</p> <p>13 In paragraph 3, you tell us that you have a Master's</p> <p>14 Degree in economics. That is right, is it not?</p> <p>15 A. Not yet.</p> <p>16 Q. Oh, I see - a part-time master's degree in economics</p> <p>17 which you are studying for?</p> <p>18 A. Correct.</p> <p>19 Q. In paragraph 7, we see that for six years between 1989</p> <p>20 and 1995, you were the general manager of the cosmetics</p> <p>21 manufacturing company which was the predecessor to</p> <p>22 Arche?</p> <p>23 A. Correct.</p> <p>24 Q. In paragraph 8, we see that from 1995 you were the</p> <p>25 general manager of Arche?</p>	<p>Page 23</p> <p>1 company for six years before that?</p> <p>2 A. Yes, correct.</p> <p>3 Q. I want to ask you now about your relationship with</p> <p>4 Ms Lu. You tell us in paragraph 14 of your statement,</p> <p>5 that your families had been very close for a long time?</p> <p>6 A. Correct.</p> <p>7 Q. You describe in paragraph 15 how you and Ms Lu became</p> <p>8 friends?</p> <p>9 A. Can you repeat your question, please.</p> <p>10 Q. Yes. You describe in paragraph 15 of your witness</p> <p>11 statement, how you and Ms Lu became friends; that's</p> <p>12 right, is it not?</p> <p>13 A. Yes, naturally, we became friends but I can't remember</p> <p>14 since when.</p> <p>15 Q. Are you still friends or has this transaction caused you</p> <p>16 to fall out in any way?</p> <p>17 A. I haven't thought about this yet. Now my major concern</p> <p>18 is how to get the money back from HSBC.</p> <p>19 Q. At the time of this transaction, in 2004 and 2005, you</p> <p>20 and Ms Lu were friends?</p> <p>21 A. Yes.</p> <p>22 Q. Before this transaction with 5th Avenue Partners and</p> <p>23 Michael Brown, you had never had any business or</p> <p>24 financial dealings with Ms Lu, had you?</p> <p>25 A. Correct.</p>

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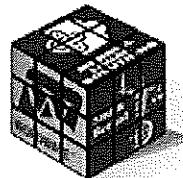
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